Science uncovers the power of dill in managing diabetes

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- The herb ancient herb dill shows promise in helping regulate blood sugar, offering potential benefits for people with diabetes alongside traditional treatments.

- Dill contains vitamins (A, C, B-complex), minerals (calcium, iron, potassium) and phytochemicals (glycosides, saponins, tannins, terpenoids) that provide antioxidant and anti-inflammatory effects.

- Dill oil, especially rich in compounds like carvone and limonene, contributes to its health benefits, including possible protective effects on cells and blood sugar regulation.

- Dill is generally safe for most people, though rare allergic reactions can occur. It should be used cautiously during pregnancy and in consultation with a healthcare provider, especially when taken with other medications.

- Water-based and hydroalcoholic extracts of dill (especially from leaves and seeds) are most effective for lowering blood sugar and cholesterol, due to their antioxidant activity

and influence on key metabolic enzymes.

This ancient herb dill, known scientifically as *Anethum graveolens L.*, has caught the attention and interest of researchers for its potential in helping regulate blood sugar levels.

Diabetes is a condition that affects millions of people worldwide. "When someone has diabetes, their body struggles to manage blood sugar or glucose levels. Over time, high blood sugar can lead to serious health problems – affecting the eyes, heart, kidneys and more," *BrightU.AI*'s Enoch notes.

Typically, doctors prescribe medications and recommend lifestyle changes like diet and exercise. But scientists are constantly exploring natural ways to support these efforts, which brings up the fascinating potential of dill.

Dill's nutrient profile

Fresh dill sprigs bring a surprising range of vitamins to the table, including vitamins A and C for immune support and several B vitamins like riboflavin (B2), pyridoxine (B6) and folate (B9), which help with cell growth and energy. Plus, dill offers important minerals like calcium for bone health, iron for energy and potassium for heart health, along with magnesium, manganese, phosphorus and zinc.

Dill also contains a powerful mix of natural compounds known as phytochemicals – plant-based chemicals that may support health in various ways.

For instance, a study published in the *Asian Journal of Pharmaceutical and Clinical Research* has shown that dill has compounds like glycosides, saponins, tannins and terpenoids, which are known for their antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties. These phytochemicals might play a role in helping the body manage blood sugar and protect against cell damage associated with diabetes.

Dill also contains essential oils, often called "dill oil," which are found in different parts of the plant, including the flowers, leaves and seeds. These essential oils vary depending on factors like where the dill is grown, which part of the plant is used and even the season.

Dill oil is particularly rich in carvone and limonene – two compounds with known antioxidant benefits. Dill seeds, for example, contain up to almost five percent essential oils – with carvone making up a significant portion.

The oil also contains other beneficial compounds, such as anethole, eugenol and phellandrene. Each of these compounds contributes something unique – some offer anti-inflammatory effects, while others may help protect cells from damage or support the body's natural responses to stress.

How dill could help with blood sugar

One of the most exciting findings about dill is its "hypoglycemic" effect. This is particularly important for people with diabetes, where maintaining steady blood sugar levels is a daily challenge.

Researchers have tested dill extracts (made from its leaves, oils and seeds) in diabetic lab animals, and they've found promising results: Blood sugar levels tend to drop when dill is included as part of the diet.

Dill is generally considered safe for most people, but it is best to know its potential side effects and recommended usage. Some people may experience mild allergic reactions like itching in the mouth, skin rashes or swelling in the throat. A few individuals reported diarrhea or nausea after using dill. For safety, dill is not recommended during pregnancy as its effects on pregnant individuals haven't been thoroughly studied.

While these reactions are rare, it is always wise to start with a small dose, especially if you're trying dill for the first time, and consult your doctor or a healthcare provider if you're taking other medications.

Dill's safety has been compared favorably to some conventional medications like gemfibrozil (a cholesterol-lowering drug), which can have more pronounced side effects. Clinical studies show that dill generally has fewer adverse side effects – making it a promising, gentle supplement option for managing blood sugar or cholesterol, alongside healthy lifestyle adjustments.

Because extracts can vary widely in purity and strength, it is important to look for standardized products or consult your doctor or healthcare provider to find the most suitable form and dose for your needs.

Watch this video about harvesting dill seeds.

Harvesting Dill Seeds

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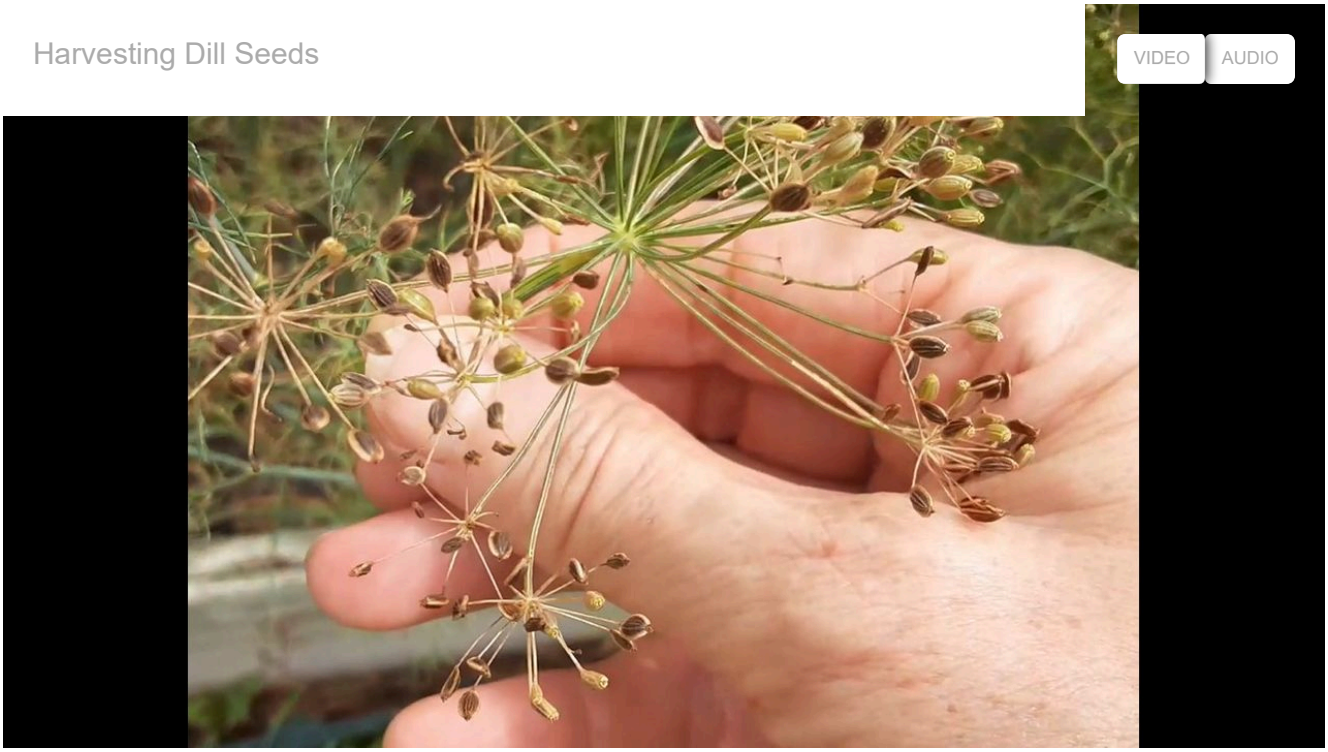

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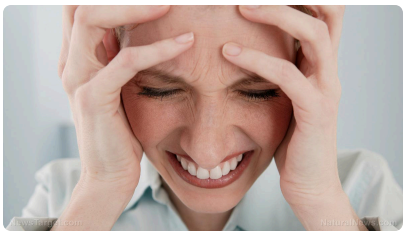

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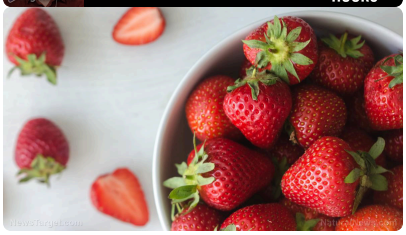

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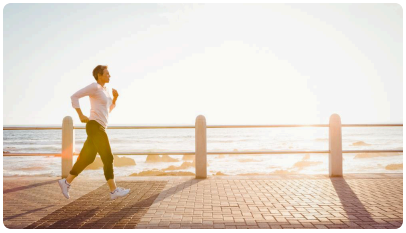

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